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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston Formation, ATHENS FIELD, Claiborne
Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

PAR MINERALS CORPORATION ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston Formation in the Athens Field, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana:

1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Canty No. 2 Well as an alternate unit well for HOSS SUJ at the location shown on the attached plat, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 48-B-16, effective December 20, 1975.
2. To find that the proposed alternate unit well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Hosston Formation underlying HOSS SUJ which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within the unit.
3. To permit the Operator of HOSS SUJ to produce the allowable assigned to the unit from either the substitute unit well, the alternate unit well, or from a combination of such wells, at the option of the Operator.
4. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent to this application.

The Hosston Formation in Athens Field, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 48-B, effective June 7, 1950, and was further defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 48-B-20, effective February 1, 1980.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Par Minerals Corporation, 509 Market Street, Suite 300, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101-3275. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Randy Rogers at (318) 221-6156 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

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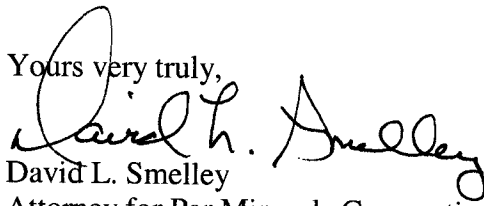
As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plat at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Athens Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

A check payable to the Office of Conservation and covering the application fee is enclosed.

Yours very truly,



David L. Smelley
Attorney for Par Minerals Corporation

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Randy Rogers (w/encls.)
Mr. Dirck Wuellner (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

